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KANSAS 2017 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

MANHATTAN, Kan. January 12, 2018 - Corn for grain production in Kansas based on year-end surveys is estimated at 686 million bushels, down 2 percent from 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield of 132 bushels per acre is down 10 bushels from last year. Area harvested, at 5.20 million acres of corn for grain, is up 6 percent from 2016. **Corn for silage** production, at 5.38 million tons, is up 84 percent from last year. Silage yield of 21.5 tons per acre is up 2.0 tons from last year. Producers harvested 250,000 acres of corn for silage, up 67 percent from last year. Corn area planted for all purposes, at 5.50 million acres, is up 8 percent from last year.

Sorghum for grain production in 2017 is estimated at 201 million bushels, down 25 percent from 2016. Yield, at 82 bushels per acre, is down 9 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 2.45 million acres, is down 17 percent from 2016. **Sorghum for silage** production, at 1.11 million tons, is down 25 percent from last year. Silage yield, at 13.0 tons per acre, is down 2.5 tons from last year. Area harvested for silage, at 85,000 acres, is down 10,000 acres from last year. Sorghum area planted for all purposes, at 2.60 million acres, is down 16 percent from last year.

Soybean production for 2017 totaled 189 million bushels, down 2 percent from 2016. Yield, at 37.0 bushels per acre, is down 11 bushels from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at a record high 5.11 million acres, is up 27 percent from 2016. Soybean area planted, at a record high 5.15 million acres, is up 27 percent from last year.

Alfalfa for hay production, at 2.05 million tons, is down 32 percent from a year earlier. The average yield, at 3.60 tons per acre, is down 0.70 tons per acre from 2016. Area harvested for dry hay, at 570,000 acres, is down 19 percent from 2016. **Alfalfa for haylage** or greenchop production, at 200,000 tons, is down 17 percent from last year. Alfalfa haylage yield, at 10.00 tons per acre, is up 2.00 tons from last year. Area harvested for alfalfa haylage, at 20,000 acres, is down 10,000 from last year. **Seedlings** of alfalfa during 2017 totaled 65,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from the year earlier.

All other hay production, at 3.99 million tons, is up 24 percent. The average yield, at 1.90 tons per acre, is up 0.20 tons per acre from last year. Area harvested for other dry hay is 2.10 million acres, up 11 percent from 2016. **All other haylage** production, at 630,000 tons, is up 5 percent from last year. Other haylage yield, at 7.00 tons per acre, is up 1.00 ton from last year. Area harvested for other haylage, at 90,000 acres, is down 10,000 acres from last year.

Oil sunflower production in 2017 is 71.0 million pounds, up 23 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,420 pounds per acre, is up 50 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 50,000 acres, is up 19 percent from 2016. Area planted, at 52,000 acres, is up 7,000 acres from last year.

Non-oil sunflower production of 17.8 million pounds is down 29 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,460 pounds per acre, is down 110 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 12,200 acres, is down 3,800 acres from 2016. Area planted, at 13,500 acres, is down 4,500 acres from last year.

Canola production of 62.0 million pounds is up 33 percent from last year. Yield of 1,320 pounds per acre is down 620 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 47,000 acres, is up 23,000 acres from 2016. Area planted, at 50,000 acres, is up 25,000 acres from last year.

Cotton record high production of 185,000 bales is up 161 percent from last year. Yield of 987 pounds per acre is down 112 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 90,000 acres, is up 59,000 acres from 2016. Area planted, at 93,000 acres, is up 61,000 acres from last year.

Summer potato production is 1.56 million cwt, up 24 percent from 2016. Yield, at 380 cwt per acre, is up 80 cwt from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 4,100 acres, is down 100 acres from 2016. Area planted, at 4,100 acres, is down 100 acres from last year.

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